

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **CANCEL** claims 4 to 7 and **REPLACE** them with the following new claims 8 and

9:

Claims 1 - 3. (Previously withdrawn)

Claim 4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Canceled)

Claim 6. (Canceled)

Claim 7. (Canceled)

Claim 8. (Newly Added) A paper roll for packaging a solid preparation, comprising:

an elongated hollow wall defining a tubular shaft member having an outside surface for receiving a thermally fusible packaging paper wound therearound;

at least one notch formed in an end of said shaft member, said notch being defined by a recess disposed in the inner surface of said wall of said shaft member and extending to a location short of the outside surface thereof.

9. (Newly Added) A paper roll for packaging a solid preparation, according to claim 8 including a plurality of notches disposed about a circumference of the inside wall of the shaft member.